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# CityManager's Weekly Update



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## Upcoming Meetings:

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Oct 20 Planning Commission Meeting  
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Nov 11 Veteran's Day Observed (City Hall Offices Closed)

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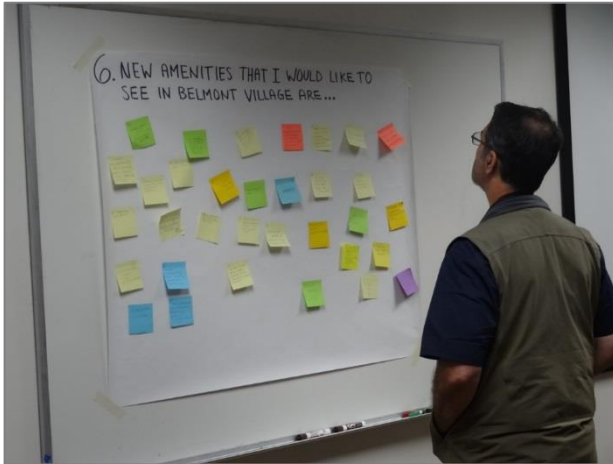
- Belmont Wednesday Live – Dine Around Town - Inaugural Speaker: Senator Jerry Hill, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

### Community Calendars

- Twin Pines Community Center
- Belmont Public Library

## ***Executive Summary***

### **Community Outreach Workshop #1 – Draws Community Involvement**



The first community workshop for the Belmont Village Specific Plan (BVSP) was held last evening at Belmont City Hall with great success. Over 50 members of the Belmont community, including property and business owners, and elected and appointed officials, came to share their vision for the Belmont's Downtown Village Area.



After a presentation on the BVSP purpose and process, the attendees participated in individual and group activities. The participants affirmed opportunities and suggested changes for the four distinct quadrants of the Belmont Village plan area.

In small groups, participants also discussed the challenges that Belmont will face in the coming years to achieving the Belmont Village vision for 2035. Ultimately, through these activities, participants provided vital feedback for this key revitalization area of the city, and input on major planning issues to be addressed in the Specific Plan.

In the next stage of this process, a summary report on the workshop and its findings will be produced, and the Belmont Village Specific Plan team will begin writing about issues and possible policy direction.

For more information and updates, please visit the project website:

[www.planbelmontvillage.com](http://www.planbelmontvillage.com)



**SB 705**

On October 7<sup>th</sup> Governor Brown approved Senate Bill 705 regarding transactions and use taxes for San Mateo County. The current law limits most counties to keep their sales tax below 2% percent of California's sales tax. The bill recently approved by the Governor authorizes the County of San Mateo to go above the state's cap to impose a transactions and use tax for countywide transportation programs at a rate of no more than 0.5%, in an attempt to address problematic traffic issues.

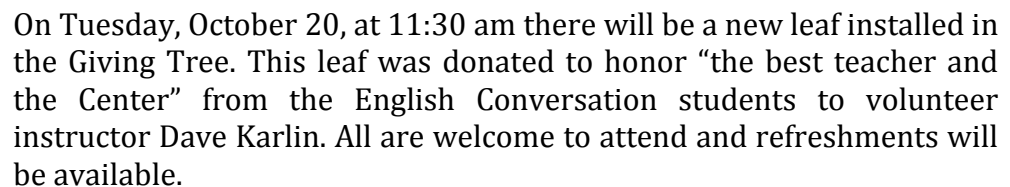
**All Mail Ballot Election Coming!**

San Mateo County voters will be participating in an all-mail ballot election this November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Belmont, three candidates are vying for two seats on the City Council, and the City Clerk and City Treasurer are uncontested races. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters, regardless of whether or not they are permanent vote-by-mail voters. Your ballot will include a pre-paid envelope for returning (no need for stamps!). In addition, drop-off ballot boxes are available in every city hall in San Mateo County, including

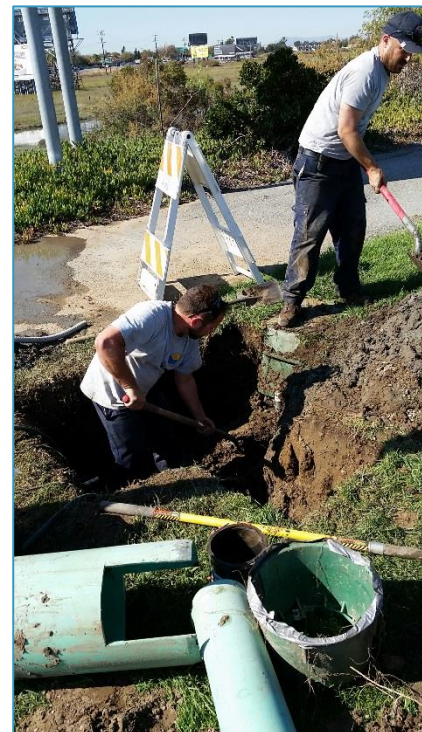
Belmont.

If you still wish to cast a ballot in person on Election Day, you may do so at any of the Universal Polling Places around the County. Each city will have at least one polling place, and some of the larger cities will have multiple centers. You can cast your ballot at any one of these polling places. So if you live in Belmont but work in Menlo Park, you can go to the one in Menlo Park and they will have your Belmont ballot available. See the brochure (below) for additional information, and be on the lookout for your ballot and ballot information booklet.

For more information, visit [www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org), or contact Terri Cook, Belmont City Clerk, at (650) 595-7413 or [tcCook@belmont.gov](mailto:tcCook@belmont.gov).



Maintenance staff repaired a water main break at The Sports Complex this week. As irrigation pipes age, the glue that holds them together degrades and leaks appear at the joints. Over time, ground settling causes the pipes become offset and loaded with stress, which also puts pressure on the fittings, causing them to fail. Both of these factors contributed to the water leak at the Sports Complex this week. The leak was caught early minimizing water waste.





### *Winter Preparations*

Winter preparations are underway at all Belmont parks and facilities. Staff has been busy clearing roofs, drains and gutters. At Barrett Community Center the roof has been cleared of debris and the gutters and downspouts have been cleaned. The installation of new rain gutters this year should help alleviate many of the water runoff challenges that have arisen in the past at Barrett.

Various street trees were pruned for vehicle and pedestrian access in the Sterling Downs neighborhood. In addition to pruning for safe clearance, these trees are also pruned for general health, disease resistance and general aesthetics.



### Storm Division

- Performed twice-weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, spillway, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Swept 204 curb miles resulting in the collection of 17.35 tons of debris collected which would have otherwise made its way into waterways
- Video inspected 762 feet of storm line
- Cleared 400 feet of v-ditch along Water Dog Lake Road
- Cleaned and inspected Harbor and Ralston Storm Pump Stations
- Cleaned 41 drain inlets in preparation for the upcoming rainy season (Pictured below)



Drain inlet before cleaning



Drain inlet after cleaning

### Street Sweeping Schedule Change in Effect through December 6th

Effective October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Public Works Drainage & Water Pollution Control Division began conducting a 60-day trial period adjusting the City's street sweeping schedule. This will only affect the current Monday schedule for Sterling Downs, Homeview and Downtown Neighborhoods. The Department will evaluate the effectiveness of this change, and if the program meets its objectives the change will be made permanent. **The following schedule will be in effect from October 6<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**>Sterling Downs and Homeview neighborhoods will be swept on Wednesdays (*instead of Mondays*) started October 7<sup>th</sup> then every other week.**

**>Downtown neighborhood will be swept on Fridays (*instead of Mondays*) started October 9<sup>th</sup> then every other week.**



The Department will also be conducting enhanced sweeping in the retail/commercial/industrial areas 3 times per week prior to sweeping of residential areas. This enhanced sweeping is part of the Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) to help reduce litter and pollutants from entering our waterways. For more information, visit the **City's Street Sweeping Webpage** [HERE](#) or contact Public Works at 650-595-7425.



## **Sewer Division**

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 6 service calls
- Checked and emptied 10 city garbage cans throughout the city
- Jetted (cleaned) 1,083 feet of sewer main
- Performed video inspection on 170 feet of sewer pipe
- Videoed 1 private sewer lateral per resident request
- Logged daily onsite pump runtime hours at all pump stations
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher at Ralston Ranch Sewer Pump
- Demonstrated closed circuit tv equipment for possible replacement of existing equipment
- Closed out 62 sewer related work orders
- Infrastructure Engineering Corporation met with field staff to see if the 22 proposed sites around the city were suitable for installation of flow meter devices to detect infiltration and inflow into the city sewer system
- Pulled, cleaned and inspected both pumps at the El Camino Sewer pump station and Sports Complex Sewer pump station (Pictured below)



El Camino Pump Station- Pump inspection

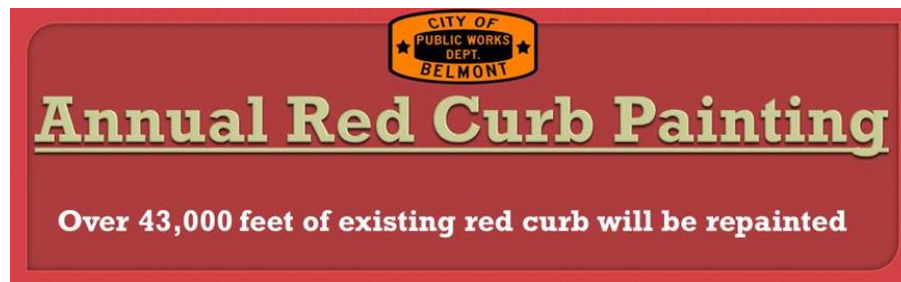


Sports Complex Pump Station- Pump Inspection



### Streets Division

- Marked out 22 Underground Service Alert tags
- Dug out 4.03 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2801 Ponce
- Compacted the base, oiled the patch, and put down 5 tons of asphaltic concrete in 2 lifts compacted with the roller
- Dug out 4.26 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2027 Monroe Ave
- Compacted the base, oiled the patch, and put down 5 tons of asphaltic concrete in 2 lifts compacted with the roller
- Dug out 5.15 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2023 Monroe Ave
- Compacted the base, oiled the patch, and put down 6 tons of asphaltic concrete in 2 lifts compacted with the roller



### Annual City-Wide Red Curb Painting

The Department of Public Works is currently conducting the annual city-wide red curb painting of existing red curb in residential neighborhoods. Repainting will be performed in scheduled sections of the city and will continue until the repainting is complete.

\*\*\*\***Please note:** depending on the section "boundary", your property may be in one section and your neighbor in another, therefore the red curb repainting will happen on a different day. For further information, you may contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425.



## Traffic Operations

- Performed weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Conducted visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners-1 Down; 1 Up
- Reset delineators on Island parkway
- Fabricated 1 new signs
- Install/reset 7 In-pavement crosswalk lights at Alameda de las Pulgas by Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Install/reset 9 In-pavement crosswalk lights at Alameda de las Pulgas and Garden Court
- Straighten 2 street signs in 2 locations
- Pick up hit PED barricade on N/E corner of Ralston and Hiller. Coned off sidewalk until repaired
- Removed old wooden street light pole in front of 600 Ralston. Installed new aluminum replacement pole
- Trimmed around street sign on eastbound Ralston at Notre Dame to improve sight distance

## New Aluminum Lantern Street Light Pole

The Public Works Traffic Operations Division has started the process of replacing wood lantern street light poles with new aluminum poles to match our new LED lanterns. Replacement of poles will be scheduled based on age and condition. Our new completed installation can be seen at 600 Ralston Avenue.



## Other Agency Reports



# BELMONT WEDNESDAY LIVE

DINE-AROUND-TOWN on WEDNESDAY

Inaugural Speaker:  
**Senator Jerry Hill**  
will be introducing  
**Belmont's New Weekly  
Dine-Around Program**  
with a State of California  
Legislative Update  
Wednesday October 21st  
6-9pm  
815 Belmont Avenue



Meet me at  
**THE VAN'S**  
RESTAURANT  
ON THE HILL



Join us for The Van's Multi-Course Feast  
(choice of five entrees). Mix, Mingle and Meet  
your Neighbors. Your RSVP is required to the  
Belmont Chamber of Commerce at (650) 595-8696  
to reserve your place as seating is limited.

**\$40 per person (includes tax and tip)**  
**Check or Cash Only**

***Twin Pines Community Center***




Four carved jack-o'-lanterns are shown in a row. From left to right: the first has a simple, slightly mischievous face; the second has a more complex, somewhat eerie expression with a wide, toothy grin; the third has a classic, friendly-looking face with triangular eyes; and the fourth has a very expressive face with wide, staring eyes and a small, open mouth.

## Belmont Public Library

# OCTOBER

At the Belmont Library  
<http://www.facebook.com/smdbelmont>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Children's Programming Listed on Reverse Side</i></p>		<p>Red: Children's/Family            Green: Teen            Black: Adult            Blue: All Ages</p>		<p>1 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club            * 6:30p City Council Candidate Forum</p> <p><b>LWV</b></p>	<p>2 * 10:30a First Friday eBook class            * 7:00p Friday First Flicks: <i>Frozen Sing-A-Long</i></p>	3
<p>4 Celebrate Save the Music with us at Twin Pines Park all day!</p>	<p>5 * 7:00p Comic Arts Festival Author Visit with Mariko Tamaki</p>	<p>6 * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library</p>	<p>7 * 10:30a Computer Class: Flickr            * 3:30p Gaming/Study Hall            * 6:30p Needles &amp; Hooks Needlework Group            * 7:00p 1st Wednesday Book Grp: <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i></p>	<p>8 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club            * 2:00p Mystery Book Grp: <i>The Girl of His Dreams</i>            * 6:30p Pub Trivia</p>	<p>9</p>	10
<p>11 * 1:00p Oktoberfest Celebration</p>	<p>12 Library Closed for Columbus Day</p>	<p>13 * 3:30p Teen Center Food Tastings            * 6:30p Documentary Film Club: <i>Undeclared</i></p>	<p>14 * 10:30a Computer Coach            * 3:30p Gaming/Study Hall            * 6:30p Needles &amp; Hooks Needlework Group            * 7:00p Small Business Ownership Workshop</p>	<p>15 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club            * 3:30p DJ Workshop for Teens            * 3:30p Throwback Thursdays: Vintage Vinyl</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 Friends of the Library Children's Book Sale and Tricycle Festival with Lucky Diaz starts 10:30am!</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Memory Care</p>	<p>20 * 6:00p Civics, Local Government, and You!            * 3:30p Sugar Skull Craft</p>	<p>21 * 10:30a Comp Class: Youtube            * 12:00p Mystery Author Tea with Ellen Kirschman and Judith Janeway            * 3:30p Halloween Costume Wkshp            * 6:30p Needles &amp; Hooks Group            * 7:00p Documentary Screening: <i>Hana! A Century in the Bleachers</i></p>	<p>22 * 8:30a Wild California with Tom Stienstra, presented by Supervisor Carol Groom            * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club            * 3:30p TAG Meeting            * 7:00p Favorite Poems with Poet Laureate Tano Wakefield</p>	<p>23 * 7:00p Reel Great Films: <i>Sideways</i></p>	<p>24 * 10:00a SF Jazz Festival for All Ages</p>
<p>25 * 2:00p SFMFA Docent Presentation, Jewel City: Art from San Francisco's Panama-Pacific International Exposition</p>	<p>26 * 3:30p Halloween Make Up</p> <p></p>	<p>27 * 3:30p Teen Center Food Tasting: Grass Food Combos</p>	<p>28 * 10:30a Computer Coach            * 3:30p Teen Halloween Party            * 6:30p Needles &amp; Hooks Needlework Group            * 7:00p PM Computer Class            * 7:00p Small Business Workshop: Franchising 101</p>	<p>29 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club            * 6:30p Teen Halloween Movie Marathon</p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!</p>